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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE ON HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE COVERING HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS AS ISSUED BY FRASER'S OFFICE FOR SUNDAY PAPER

BEGIN TEXT. REP. DONALD M. FRASER (DFL-MINN) SAID TODAY THAT A SERIES OF REPORTS PREPARED FOR CONGRESS BY THE US STATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES THAT CURRENTLY RECEIVE US MILITARY AID. THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS COVER ARGENTINA, HAITI, INDONESIA, IRAN, PERU AND THE PHILIPPINES.

THE REPORTS, RELEASED TODAY BY FRASER, ARE REQUIRED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1976 INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT, WHICH MANDATES THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO FURNISH CONGRESS WITH INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN AID-
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RECIPIENT NATIONS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER A CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST IS MADE. FRASER, WHO INITIATED THE REQUEST AND IS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SAID THAT THE REPORTS WILL BE USED BY CONGRESS TO DETERMINE WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT US MILITARY AID SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED TO THESE COUNTRIES.

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THE MINNESOTA CONGRESSMAN SAID THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS INDICATE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS ARE PARTICULARLY SEVERE IN ARGENTINA AND THE PHILIPPINES. ACCORDING TO FRASER, US EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN BUENOS AIRES HAVE MET REPEATEDLY WITH ARGENTINE OFFICIALS TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT REPORTS OF MASS MURDERS, INDISCRIMINATE KILLING OF POLITICAL REFUGEES AND PRIESTS, AND AN UPSURGE IN ANTI-SEMITISM. REPEATED CONTACTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE BETWEEN US EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES. IN THAT SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRY, OVER 70 CASES OF TORTURE HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL A PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY WHICH PROMOTES OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

FRASER SAID THAT WHILE THE STATE DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGES NUMEROUS CASES OF SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN NEARLY ALL OF THE COUNTRIES FOR WHICH REPORTS WERE RE-QUESTED, THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT RECOMMEND ANY SUSPENSION OF US MILITARY AID AND MILITARY SALES WHICH NOW TOTALS NEARLY $1.4 BILLION A YEAR TO THE SIX NATIONS. "THAT IS A DECISION CONGRESS WILL HAVE TO MAKE, IN LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED", FRASER ADDED.

THE FIFTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT WHILE HE IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THE REPORTS FULLY REFLECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN EACH COUNTRY, HE IS PLEASED THAT THE INFORMATION IS NOW PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD.

"MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, THERE REPORTS SERVE TO SPOT-LIGHT THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND ITS ROLE IN THE
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FORMULATION OF US FOREIGN POLICY", HE SAID.

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